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The Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Court for the Southern District of New York Daniel Patrick Movnihan United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street, Room 21B New York, New York 10007-1312

Re:

Sanjae Russell v. S & S Credit Co., Inc. and

The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company LLC, 11-CV-5031 (RMB-HBP)

Dear Judge Berman:

We represent defendants S & S Credit Co., Inc. and The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company LLC (collectively, the "Defendants") in the above-referenced case, and respectfully write, with the consent of counsel for plaintiff Sanjae Russell ("Russell"), to request that the settlement conference currently scheduled for January 17, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. be cancelled. This is the parties' first request for an adjournment.

The parties have engaged in settlement discussions, and based on those conversations, it appears that a settlement conference is unlikely to be fruitful at this time. In addition, the parties note that Russell's motion to remand is currently pending before this Court. If the Court denies Russell's motion to remand, then the parties still need to participate in Court-ordered mediation, which Your Honor has staved pending a resolution of the motion to remand. Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the Court cancel the January 17, 2012 settlement conference.

Thank you for Your Honor's consideration of this request

Respectfully submitted,

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